

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A radar, comprising:
 - a transmission section that transmits a transmission wave;
 - a receiving section that receives, as a received wave, a wave reflected from a target;
 - a conversion section that converts, into an electric signal level, a time difference existing between a time at which the transmission wave is transmitted and a time at which the received wave is received; and
 - a computation section that computes a distance to the target on the basis of the electrical signal level output from the conversion section, wherein
 - ~~a portion of a conversion characteristic of the conversion section performs~~
conversion based on a conversion characteristic having a small time difference is set such
defined so that a change in the electrical signal level corresponding to the time difference for
the of a portion of the conversion characteristic having the a small time difference becomes
larger than a change in the electrical signal level ~~corresponding to the time difference for~~ of a
portion of the conversion characteristic ~~of the conversion section~~ having a large time
difference.
2. (Original) The radar according to claim 1, wherein
 - a portion of the conversion characteristic of the conversion section, the portion
being larger than a predetermined first time difference, is set such that a change becomes
saturated.

3. (Original) The radar according to claim 2, wherein
the first time difference is a time difference corresponding to a distance
required to render a determination as to whether or not a safety device provided on a vehicle is
to be activated.

4. (Original) The radar according to claim 1, wherein
the conversion section converts, into an electrical signal level, a time difference
determined by subtracting a lag time of an electrical circuit including at least one of the
transmission section and the receiving section from the time difference between the
transmission time at which the transmission wave is transmitted and the receiving time at
which the received wave is received.

5. (Original) The radar according to claim 4, wherein
the conversion section determines the lag time from a wraparound component
which is received by the receiving section directly from the transmission section.

6. (Previously Presented) A radar, comprising:
a transmission section that transmits a transmission wave;
a receiving section that receives, as a received wave, a wave reflected from a
target;
a conversion section that converts into an electrical signal level, a time
difference determined by subtracting a lag time of an electrical circuit from a time difference
between the transmission time at which the transmission wave is transmitted and a receiving
time at which the received wave is received, the electrical circuit including at least one of the
transmission section and the receiving section; and
a computation section that computes a distance to the target on the basis of the
electrical signal level output from the conversion section.